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ADVISORY ACTION

The amendment filed on 9/8/08, under 37 CFR 1.116, in reply to the final rejection has been considered but is not deemed to place the application in condition for allowance and will not be entered because, minimally, the proposed amendment introduces new limitations that have not been previously considered and would require new considerations. The amendment to claim 1 would raise new issues that would require further consideration and a new search.

Rejections maintained

The rejection of claims 1, 3 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Zurdo et al. Biochem. J. 1991, Vol. 274, pages 881-884 is maintained for reasons made of record in the office action mailed 6/6/08.

Applicants' argument is predicated on an amendment that is not entered and not further considered on the merits. Therefore, the rejection is maintained.

The rejection of claims 1, 3 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zurdo et al. Biochem. J. 1991, Vol. 274, pages 881-884 in view of ATCC® Bacteria and Bacteriophages catalog, 1996 p. 108 (cited previously) and Imhoff et al. International Journal of Systematic Bacteriology (1998) 48:793-798 (cited previously) is maintained for reasons made of record in the office action mailed 6/6/08.

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The rejections of claims 1, 6 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zurdo et al. Biochem. J. 1991, Vol. 274, pages 881-884 and ATCC® Bacteria and Bacteriophages catalog, 1996 p. 108 (cited previously) and Imhoff et al. International Journal of Systematic Bacteriology (1998, cited previously) 48:793-798 as applied to claims 1, 3 and 4 above further in view of Schmidt-Dannert et al. Current Opinion in Biotechnology, 2000, Vol. 11, pages 255-261 and Wang et al, CN 11172653 02/11/1998 (cited previous action is maintained for reasons made of record in the office action mailed 6/6/08.

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Status of Claims

Claims 1,3,4,6 and 9 are rejected. No claims allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Oluwatosin Ogunbiyi whose telephone number is 571-272-9939. The examiner can generally be reached on M-F 8:30 am – 5:00 pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's Supervisor, Shanon Foley can be reached on 571-272-0898.

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